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1. REFTELS A THROUGH G PROVIDE THE BACKGROUND ON THE GOK'S
DESIRES TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER.

2. AT A MEETING ON 22JAN75, GOK AUTHORITIES STATED THAT THEIR
DESIRES FOR THE USG TO DO ALL THAT IS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH
AND OPERATE THE CENTER FOR A PERIOD OF APPROX FIVE YEARS WITH
A GRADUAL PHASEOUT OF US PERSONNEL THEREAFTER AND REPLACEMENT
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BY KUWAITIS. THE GOK WILL PROVIDE LAND, STUDENT INPUT AND PAY

THE BILL; THE USG WAS REQUESTED TO DO ALL ELSE.

3. THE TRAINING CENTER IS DESIRED TO BE A MODEL INSTITUTION THAT WILL HAVE PRESTIGE AND SERVE TO ATTRACT KUWAITIS TO THEIR MILITARY. WHILE ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL, THE STUDENTS WILL NOT FORMALLY BE A PART OF THE ARMED FORCES. IT WILL BE A MILITARY SPONSORED TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL OPERATED IN A MILITARY MANNER, UNDER THE COGNIZANCE OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS ARE:

A. PROVIDE TECHNICAL TRAINING TO SUPPORT ALL OF THE ARMED FORCES OF KUWAIT.

B. SKILLS REQUIRED: ALL NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE AEAD FORCES OF KUWAIT.

C. INPUT WILL BE 500 STUDENTS PER YEAR WITH EIGHT YEARS EDUCATION, AGE 14-16.

E. SPECIFIC DETAILS:

- (1) LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION: ENGLISH
- (2) TWO LEVELS OF SKILL
 - (A) 1ST 2 YEAR COURSE
 - (B) 2ND 4 YR COURSE (2 YRS IN ADDITION TO BASIC 2 YR CRSE)
- (3) SCHOOL YEAR - 3 TERMS OF 3 MONTHS EACH
- (4) HOURS-6 HOURS PER DAY (5 DAYS) PLUS 4 HOURS ON THURSDAY
- (5) UNIFORMS REQUIRED
- (6) LIVE IN SCHOOL-ACCOMMODATIONS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES REQUIRED
- (7) MILITARY INSTRUCTION WOULD BE LIMITED TO DRILL DURING THE FIRST TWO YEARS AND INCREASE IN SCOPE THEREAFTER TO INCLUDE, AS A MINIMUM, USE OF SMALL ARMS.

4. THE SURVEY TEAM THAT HAS BEEN SENT CONSISTS OF ONE CIVIL ENGINEER FROM THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS OF ENGINEERS OFFICE IN ITALY WHO HAS STATED THAT THE LIMIT OF HIS CHARTER IS PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS. A TIME FRAME OF ABOUT FOUR YEARS (THIS HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED BY THE GOK) TO
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COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN PROVIDED.

5. I AM SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED. IT APPEARS THAT WE HAVE MADE LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS TOWARDS DEFINING AN EXECUTABLE PROGRAM. I CAN UNDERSTAND THE RELUCTANCE OF DOD TO TAKE ON THE TASK AS IT IS MORE EDUCATIONAL THAN MILITARY, HOWEVER, I DID EXPECT MORE PROGRESS THAN I HAVE SEEN TO DATE. THIS WILL BE A PRESTIGIOUS ESTABLISHMENT, WELL LOCATED AND WITH HIGH VISI-

BILITY BOTH TO LOCAL OFFICIALS AND VISITING FOREIGN OFFICIALS. IF THE USG IS GOING TO BE INVOLVED, IT MUST BE A FIRST-CLASS EFFORT OR WE SHALL HAVE A VERY WELL ADVERTISED FAILURE. ALSO, THE FOUR YEAR TIME FRAME FOR CONSTRUCTION WILL BE MOST UNPALATABLE TO THE GOK AND MAY WELL BE CONSTRUED AS A LACK OF INTEREST.

7. I BELIEVE THERE ARE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES WHICH NEED TO BE EXPLORED:

A. THE USG COULD BACK OUT BY RECOMMENDING THAT GOK ACCEPT A US CONTRACTOR TO DO THE WHOLE JOB. (THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO WHICH WOULD LIKE THE JOB.)

B. THE USG COULD OFFER A MANAGEMENT TEAM, ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS, COMPOSED OF EDUCATORS, ENGINEERS, ETC, TO, IN EFFECT, BE THE GOK'S PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE.

C. THE TASK COULD BE ASSIGNED TO HEW OR AID.

D. THE TASK COULD BE ASSIGNED TO ONE DEPARTMENT WITH APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE BEING PROVIDED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS, I.E. DOD AS MANAGER WITH ASSISTANCE FROM HEW OR AID.

8. DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVES:

A. ALTERNATIVE A WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE VIEWED WITH FAVOR BY THE GOK. THEY HAVE COME TO TRUST THE USG AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO RESIST, STRONGLY, GOING TO A CONTRACTOR. ALSO, THE USG HAS AGREED, IN PRINCIPLE, TO DO THIS FOR THEM.

B. ALTERNATIVE B WOULD ALSO BE RESISTED STRONGLY BY THE GOK FOR THE SAME REASONS STATED IN A ABOVE. THIS WOULD BE MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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PALATABLE (OR LESS REPUGNANT) THAN A, HOWEVER.

C. ASSIGNMENT OF THE PROJECT TO HEW OR AID WOULD PROBABLY BRING EDUCATORS INTO THE PICTURE, BUT LOSE THE MILITARY FLAVOR THE GOK DESIRES. THE GOK WOULD PROBABLY RESIST THIS BUT WOULD GRUDGINGLY ACQUIESCE IF THIS IS OUR CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT.

D. ASSIGNMENT TO ONE AGENCY WITH APPROPRIATE EXPERTISE BEING PROVIDED BY OTHERS APPEARS THE BEST ROUTE. IF DOD REMAINS AS THE MANAGER, THE GOK CAN BE EXPECTED TO ENDORSE THIS APPROACH WITH REAL APPROVAL.

9. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT REVIEW THE MATTER AND OBTAIN A DECISION AS TO WHAT USG DESIRES TO DO. I RECOMMEND THAT USG ADOPT THE LAST COURSE OF ACTION (PARA 7 D). HOWEVER, IF WE

CAN'T BE MORE RESPONSIVE THAN WE HAVE TO DATE (WE DON'T HAVE MUCH
TO SHOW FOR FIVE MONTHS STUDY/REVIEW), BACKING OUT IN FAVOR
OF A CONTRACTOR IS RECOMMENDED. RITOLTZFUS

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